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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of May 3, 2004 and the Notice of Nonresponsive Amendment mailed December 23, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 19 of this Amendment and include both a replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes. The Remarks portion begins on page 20 of this Amendment.

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Sir:		
Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.		
X	No fee is required.	
	The fee has been calculated as shown below.	
	Total claims in excess of 20 previously paid for, at \$18 (\$9)	
	Independent claims in excess of 3 previously paid for, at \$86 (\$43)	
	Additional Fee for this Amendment	
	This response is being filed within the first month, second month, third month, fourth month, fifth month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. Applicants Petition for an extension, and the fee of \$110 (\$55), \$420 (\$205), \$950 (\$465), \$1,450 (\$725), \$1,970 (\$985) is due and paid herewith.	
	The fee of \$ set by 37 C.F.R § 1.17(p) for the Information Disclosure Statement is due and paid herewith.	
	A check in the amount of \$ is attached.	
<u>X</u>	Please charge ar	ny additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.
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